COMPREHENSIVE TEST THREE

DIRECTION: **This test consists of a number of sentences, each of which is completely underlined. Each sentence is followed by four alternative versions. Select the alternative you consider both most correct and most effective according to the requirements of standard written English.**

1. **Jenny thought that all babies over-developed vocal cords, a Constantine to be field, and they were always hungry.**

A. Jenny thought that all babies had over-developed vocal cords, a constant need to be held, and their appetites were enormous.
B. Jenny thought that all babies had over-developed vocal cords, a constant need to be held, and they had enormous appetites.
C. Jenny thought that all babies had over-developed vocal cords, a constant need to be held, and enormous appetites.
D. Jenny thought that all babies had over-developed vocal cords, a constant need to be held, with enormous appetites.

2. **To his dismay, Seth found that he couldn't write the paper; moreover, he couldn't seem to grasp what the teacher wanted.**

A. To his dismay, Seth found that he couldn't write the paper; moreover, he couldn't seem to grasp what the teacher wanted.
B. To his dismay, Seth found that he couldn't write the paper, and what was even worse he couldn't seem to grasp what the teacher wanted.
C. To his dismay, Seth found that he couldn't write the paper, and as a result he couldn't seem to grasp what the teacher wanted.
D. To his dismay, Seth found that he couldn't write the paper; couldn't seem to grasp what the teacher wanted.

3. **The beetles in our garden inflicted heavy damage on all flowers and shrubs, but they were able to resist the spray we used to deter them.**

A. The beetles in our garden inflicted heavy damage on all flowers and shrubs, but they were unable to resist the spray we used to deter them.

B. The beetles in our garden inflicted heavy damage on all flowers and shrubs, because they were able to resist the spray we used to deter them.
C. The beetles in our garden inflicted heavy damage on all flowers bad shrubs, only being able to resist the spray we used to deter them.
D. The beetles in our garden inflicted heavy damage on all flowers and shrubs, since they were capable of resisting the spray we used to deter them.

4. <u>I have always distrusted that type of a devious personality.</u>

A. I have always distrusted that type of person who is devious.
B. I have always distrusted those types of devious people.
C. I have always distrusted that sort of devious person.
D. I have always distrusted a devious personality.

5. <u>For achievement in music it is vital not only practicing but knowing basic music theory.</u>

A. For achievement in music it is vital not only to practice but also to know basic theory.
B. For achievement in music it is vital to produce but also knowing basic music theory.
C. For achievement in music it is not only vital to produce but to know also basic music theory.
D. For achievement in music it is that you practice and also to know basic theory.

6. <u>Although completely withered, the botanists were able to conclude from what remained of the flower that the species was vary rare.</u>

A. Although totally withered, the botanists were able to conclude from what remained of the flower that the species was very rare.
B. Although withering completely, the botanists were able to conclude from what remind of the flower that the species was very rare.
C. Although it was completely withered, the botanists were able to conclude from what remained of the flower that the specie was very rare.
D. While it withered completely; the botanists were able to conclude from what remained of the flower that the species was very rare.

7. **Four days a week, parking is permitted only alternate sides of the street on account of enabling the mechanical street sweepers to pass close to the curbs.**

A. Four days a week, parking is permitted only on alternate sides of the street for the reason of enabling the mechanical street sweepers to pass close to the curbs.
B. Four days a week, parking is permitted only on alternate sides of the street to allow the mechanical street sweepers to pass close to the curbs.
C. Four days a week, parking is permitted only on alternate sides of the street so as to allow the mechanical street sweepers to pass close to the curbs.
D. Four days a week, parking is permitted only on alternate sides of the street therefore allowing the mechanical street sweepers to pass close to the curbs.

8. **What I would call personal style depends not so much on the actual clothing you wear but one's choice of items such as Jewelry and make-up.**

A. What I would call personal style depends not so much on the actual clothing you wear but one's choosing items such as jewelry and make-up.
B. What I would call personal style depends not so much on the actual clothing you wear but your choice of items such as jewelry and make-up.
C. What I would call personal style depends not so much on the actual clothing you wear but on your choice of items such as jewelry and make-up.
D. What I would call personal style depends not so much on the actual clothing you wear as your choosing items such as jewelry and make up.

9. **With the writing of Huckleberry Finn, it marked the first that the American vernacular was used in a novel.**

A. Marking the first time that the American vernacular was used in a novel was Huckleberry Finn.
B. The writing of Huckleberry Finn, a novel was the first time that the American vernacular was used.
C. The writing of Huckleberry Finn marked the first time that the American vernacular was used in a novel.
D. The first time that the American vernacular was used in a novel was Huckleberry Finn.

10. <u>Appearing to be the only candidate whose views would be acceptable to its membership the youth caucus finally endorsed George Avery for City Council.</u>

A. Seeming to be the only candidate whose views would be acceptable to its membership, the youth caucus finally endorsed George Avery for City Council.

B. Because he appeared to be the only candidate whose views would be acceptable to its membership, the Youth caucus finally endorsed George Avery for City Council.

C. Because he seemed the only candidate whose views would be acceptable to its membership, the youth caucus finally endorsed George Avery for City Council.

D. Being the only candidate whose views would be acceptable to its membership, the youth caucus finally endorsed George Avery for City Council.